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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 92nd General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? Our prayer today will be given by Senator Geo-Karis. Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

(Prayer by Senator Geo-Karis)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Radogno)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, March 5th, 2002.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

...Jones.

SENATOR W. JONES:

Mr. President, I move that the Journal just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Jones moves to approve the Journal just read. There being no objections, so ordered. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Sieben, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation, reports Senate Bills 2182 and 2243 Do Pass.

Senator Rauschenberger, Chair of the Committee on Appropriations, reports Senate Bills 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405,

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2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413 and 2414, all Do Pass.

And Senator Hawkinson, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary, reports Senate Bills 1577, 1641, 1642, 1661, 1662, 1663, 1721, 1917, 1927, 1934, 1949, 1966, 2023, 2049, 2155, 2269 and 2271 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 1576, 1638, 1646, 1664, 1697, 1830, 1936, 2022, 2024, 2030, 2102, 2183 and 2195 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Sullivan, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Point -- point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. If we could welcome two of America's finest who have joined us on the Floor today, two firefighters from my district, from Mt. Prospect: our Chief, Mike Figolah, and Paul Valentine.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will they please rise and be recognized by the Senate? Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 347, offered by Senator Bomke and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 348, 349 and 350, by Senator Lauzen and all Members.

Senate Resolution 351, by Senator Dillard and all Members.

And Senate Resolutions 352 and 353, by Senator Link and all Members.

They're all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Consent Calendar.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Intention of the Chair to begin on page 2, top of page 2, which will be Senate Bills 2nd Reading. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Let the record reflect that Senator Ronen is still absent due to illness.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

The record will so reflect. Thank you. Senator Karpiel, you have the first bill. On the top of page 2, Senate Bills 2nd Reading, we have Senate Bill 268. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 268.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Insurance and Pensions adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. House {sic} Bill 1537. Senator Tom Walsh. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1542. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1542.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Revenue adopted one amendment.

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SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1571. Senator Dudycz? Out of the record. Senate Bill 1573. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1605. Senator Syverson? Senator Syverson on the Floor? Out of the record. House {sic} Bill 1608. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1608.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Revenue adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. 1609. Senator Karpel? Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1609.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Any Floor amendments approved for...

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1627. Senator Jacobs? Senator Jacobs on the Floor? Out of the record. Senate Bill 1634.

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Senator Philip? Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1634.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1635. Senator Syverson? Senator Syverson on the Floor? Out of the record. Senate Bill 1666. Senator Cullerton? Senator Cullerton on the Floor? Out of the record. 1668. Senator Cullerton. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1679. Senator Rauschenberger? Out of the record. Senate Bill 1683. Senator Geo-Karis. Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1683.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Local Government adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Any Floor amendments approved?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1701. Senator DeLeo? Senator DeLeo on the Floor? Out of the record. Senate Bill 1710. Senator Demuzio? Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1710.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1717. Senator del Valle. Senator del Valle on the Floor? Out of the record. Senate Bill 1735.

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Senator Syverson? Senator Syverson. Out of the record. Senator Bomke, on Senate Bill 1779. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1794. Senator Smith? Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1794.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1798. Senator Klemm? Senator Klemm. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1810. Senator Peterson? Out of the record. Senate Bill 1820. Senator Munoz? Senator Munoz on the Floor? Out of the record. Senate Bill 1839. Senator Hawkinson. Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1839.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Insurance and Pensions adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Any Floor amendments approved?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1849. Senator Tom Walsh. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1854. Senator Shaw? Senator Shaw on the Floor? Out of the record. Senate Bill 1859. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1860. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1862. Out of the record. (18)73. Out of the record. (18)74. 1876. Senator Peterson? Out of the record. Senate Bill 1909. Senator Karpriel? Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1909.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Local Government adopted two amendments.

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Any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1946. Senator Roskam? Senator Roskam on the Floor? Out of the record. Senate -- moving on. Page 4. Top of page 4 is Senate Bill 1951. Senator Jacobs? Out of the record. Senate Bill 1958. Senator Myers? Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1958.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1971. Senator Dillard? Senator Dillard on the Floor? Out of the record. Senate Bill 1972. Senator Dillard. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1976. Senator Peterson. Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1976.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1978. Senator Rauschenberger? Out of the record. Senate Bill 1996. Senator Petka? Senator Petka, do you wish your bill called? Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1996.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Insurance and Pensions adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Permission has been asked for still photos from Brandon Bowersox, from Urbana, Illinois. Those photos are for the Independent Medical Center -- Independent Media. Leave granted? Leave is granted. On Senate Bill 1996, Senator Petka: 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2001. Senator Syverson. Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 2001.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Any Floor amendments approved for...

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senate Bill -- 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2016. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2050. Senator Donahue? Senator Donahue on the Floor? Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 2050.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2069. Senator Syverson? Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 2069.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2074. Senator Viverito? Out of the record. Senate Bill 2098. Senator Donahue. Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 2098.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. 2113. Senator Bomke? Senate Bill 2113? Senator Bomke, do you wish your bill called? Out of the record. Senate Bill 2115. Senator Luechtefeld? Would you like to have your bill called, sir? Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 2115.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2147. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2149. Senator Rauschenberger? Out of the record. Senate Bill 2160. Senator Link? Out of the record. Senate Bill 2191. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2192. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2193. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2200. Senator Syverson. Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 2200.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted one amendment.

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Any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2215. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2225. Senator Syverson. Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 2225.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Any Floor amendments approved?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2226. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 2226.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Any Floor amendments approved?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2241. Senator Syverson? ...Bill 2241. Senator Syverson? Out of the record. Senate Bill 2245. Tom Walsh. Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 2245.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2249. Senator Lauzen? Out of the record. Senate Bill 2250. Senator Lauzen. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2254. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2261. Senator Philip? Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 2261.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2262. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 2262.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Top of page 6. Senate Bill 2303. Senator Dillard? Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 2303.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2305. Senator Rauschenberger. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2306. Senator Syverson. Senator

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Syverson on the Floor? It's a House -- or, Senate Bill 2307, also out of the record. Senate Bill 2308. Senator Rauschenberger? Out of the record. Senate Bill 2309. Senator Rauschenberger? Out of the record. Senate Bill 2310. Out of the record. With leave of the Body, we'd like to go back to page 2. Middle of page 2 is Senate Bill 1627. Senator Jacobs would like to have that bill called. Mr. Secretary, would you please read the bill?

SECRETARY HARRY:

...Bill 1627.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. Committee Reports, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Mahar, Chair of the Committee on Environment and Energy, reports Senate Bills 1566 and 1645 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 1569, 1803, 1968, 2081, 2221 and 2235 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Cronin, Chair of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Bills 1580, 1930, 1963, 1985 and 2018 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 1545, 1707, 1843, 1953 and 1983 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Parker, Chair of the Committee on Transportation, reports Senate Bills 1531, 1552, 1623, 1657, 1764, 1795, 1808, 1907, 1908, 1924, 2067, 2068, 2129, 2157, 2159, 2185, 2194 and 1851, all Do Pass; and Senate Bills 1530, 1611, 1655, 1726, 1730, 1752, 1763, 1880, 2132, 2161 and 2164, all Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Parker, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PARKER:

For a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

State your point.

SENATOR PARKER:

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Thank you. I have constituents with me today, up in the President's Gallery: Victor and Mary Anne Visoky and their -- or, Mary Anne and George Visoky and their son, Victor, is with me here on the Floor. Please welcome them. They are from Northbrook.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Welcome to Springfield. On page 6, Senate Bills 3rd Reading. I hope all Members are in their seats and ready to proceed with their bills on 3rd Reading. Page 6. The first bill is -- on the Order of 3rd Reading, is Senate Bill 1540. Madam Secretary, read the bill. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1555. Senate Bill 1606. Senator Dillard. Senate Bill 1637. Senator Sieben? Senate Bill -- Senate Bill 1650. Senator Luechtefeld. Senate Bill 1684. Senator Watson. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1684.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you very much, Madam President. This is the annual increase that we offer each year in the Monetary Award Program for grants for full-time undergraduate students and for part-time undergraduate students. This particular increase would be -- this year is around four percent, which would raise it a hundred and ninety-eight dollars for full-time, and for part-time, ninety-nine dollars. This is -- has a fiscal impact in the budget of 9.7 million dollars. I was told today by the Board of Higher Education, Ross Hodel, that this is part of the Governor's budget. I understand that that will be -- that we will be negotiating this as time goes on, and -- and possibly this amount may decrease or maybe even disappear, depending on our priorities we establish.

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But we do need to have a vehicle by which if there is an increase, that that vehicle would be made available, and I ask for your favorable consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Any discussion? Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

To the bill, briefly. I'm not sure I agree with the sponsor's strategy. I think a -- with so much undecided about the scope of the education budget right now, to send the message that a priority of the Senate is to do the Monetary Award Program over other considerations in the education budget, particularly when we have twenty-two major categorical programs at risk, may be sending the wrong message. And I'd urge the sponsor to consider holding this bill. Either we could amend it into a shell at a later point or we can deal with it in the Budget Implementation Act. I'm just -- as the Appropriation Chairman, with so much unanchored, particularly after the findings that have been announced from the Ec & Fisc Commission, would urge us to perhaps defer this decision.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Further discussion? Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Just a question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

He indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Senator Watson, for the folks who might claim that this leads to tuition inflation at the universities, how would you respond to that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

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That by...(microphone cutoff)...that that increases, then, the rates that the colleges charge on the tuition. How would you respond to that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

I think it's kind of a convoluted means by which universities or colleges would decide that they're going to increase their inflation based on what a monetary award is for kids who actually need it. This is for those kids who -- who qualify, who need the -- the funds. I mean, we're not talking about the raising of the -- of the tuition at local levels or at our schools and universities. In fact, if you've followed what's been going on in recent times, we're seeing the tuition go up considerably at -- at our colleges and universities. I don't think this has anything to do with it. In fact, it's -- it's helping those kids who really need it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Further discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1684 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On this question, there are 41 voting Aye, 4 voting Nay, 7 Present. And Senate Bill 1684, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1685. Senator Burzynski? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1685.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Burzynski.

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SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This bill simply extends the sunset date to January 1st, 2013, from January 1st, 2003. There's no other changes within the Act.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 1685 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On this question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1685, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I want the record to reflect, Madam Chairman -- or, Madam President, that on 1684, I was in the phone booth; otherwise, I would have voted Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

The record shall reflect. Senate Bill 1686. Senator Burzynski. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1686.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Madam President. Again, this just extends the sunset date to January 1st, 2013, of the Act. No other changes within the Act.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

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The question is, shall Senate Bill 1686 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On this question, Senate Bill -- 1686, having received the required constitutional -- oh! On this question, there are 52 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1686, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1689. Senator Burzynski. I'm sorry. 1688? 1689? Read the bill, Madam Secretary. Senate Bill 1689.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1689.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Madam President. Like the previous two bills, this just extends the sunset date for the Environmental Practitioners Act.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

If there's no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1689 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On this question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1689, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1690. Senator Burzynski. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1690.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This bill is a little bit different, in that it changes the quorum requirements for the Board for Cosmetology and Barber Act.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1690 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On this question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1690, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1705. Senate Bill 1732. Senate Bill 1733. Senate Bill 1734. Senate Bill 1777. Senator Burzynski. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1777.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This bill deals with the certification of special education teachers in the State of Illinois, as well as the certification committee. Changes that the -- from the State Board of Education to the Teacher Certification Committee, that they will certify teachers, and establishes seven different categories

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for special education teachers in the State of Illinois. Be more than happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1777 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On this question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1777, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1806. Senator -- Senator Myers. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1806.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. This bill is truly a clean-up bill from about four different bills having to do with the Humane Care for Animals Act. In -- when the bills were drafted, the current Act has only one Section in which it lists the penalties for the Section numbers. This bill actually puts them into the correct Sections so that it would be a help for law enforcement officials and judges who are having to rule on the -- the provisions of the former bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1806 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On this question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting

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Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1806, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1809. Senator Weaver. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1809.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Madam President. 1809 merely extends the tax increment finance district in the City of Tuscola. I know of no objection, and I'd appreciate a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1809 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On this question, there are 50 voting Aye, 2 voting Nay, 2 voting Present. And Senate Bill 1809, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1813. Senator Philip. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1813.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 1813 amends the Election Code and the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act. Provides that a forest

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preserve district that elects commissioners by district who are not also members of the county board, the president of the district shall fill a vacancy in the office of a commissioner, with the advice and consent of the other commissioners. We passed this last Session. It fell in the cracks over in the House, unfortunately, but we are separating our forest preserve from our county board at this coming November election, so we'll have two separate boards. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1813 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On this question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1813, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1926. Senator Sullivan? Senate Bill -- with leave of the Body, we'll skip over Senate Bill 1975. Senate Bill 1997. Senate Bill 2004? Senator Donahue? All right. We will go to the top of page 8. Senate Bill 2017. Senator Sieben. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2017.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator -- Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

Thank you, Madam President. This -- legislation creates the Tobacco Product Manufacturers' Escrow Enforcement Act and would prohibit a distributor of cigarettes from affixing tax stamps to individual packs of cigarettes manufactured by companies that have

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not become a participating manufacturer in the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement or who have failed to create a qualified escrow account as required by the Illinois Tobacco Product Manufacturers' Escrow Act. I know of no opposition, and I'd appreciate an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2017 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On this question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2017, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2071? Senate Bill 2072? Senator Dillard? Senate Bill 2135. Senator Demuzio? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2135.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Madam President, this is a bill from the Secretary of State's Office. It is a bill that has no opposition. I would ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2135 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On this question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2135, having received the

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required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2140. Senator Geo-Karis. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2140.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate -- excuse me, this is a -- the same bill we passed last year, and of course, the -- the House put it -- tacked it on another bill, and you know what happened in the House. And this provides that -- under the current law, any county may impose a sales tax but it must be approved by a referendum of the people in the county. And that's what it amounts to. And -- and this is destined for transportation. We need funds badly for our county roads, and I'm asking for your favorable vote, to let my voters decide whether they want to vote for an increase of one-fourth of one percent in their sales tax.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Any discussion? Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Madam President. Will the sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

She indicates she will.

SENATOR LINK:

Senator Geo-Karis, is the intent of this money that will be raised from the sales tax increase, if the constituents of the county pass it, will all of this money be for public transportation road improvements only?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Senator Link, absolutely. That's the intention of this legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Further discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2140 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On this question, there are 43 voting Aye, 8 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. And Senate Bill 2140, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2188. Senator Geo-Karis? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2188.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate -- excuse me, this adds a new Section to the Office of Banks and Real Estate Act and permits the Commissioner to accept credit card or third-party-agent payments for fines, fees or -- or other charges he's authorized to collect. And I ask for a favorable vote, because it's -- it's a very necessary thing. It helps a lot of people.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2188 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who

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wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On this question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2188, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2189. Senator Parker. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2189.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Parker.

SENATOR PARKER:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 2189 authorizes DCFS to report child welfare employers when an employee who is alleged to have caused the abuse and neglect is employed or otherwise engaged in an activity resulting in frequent contact with children and the alleged abuse or neglect are in the course of such employment or outside that employment. I would be glad to answer any questions and ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2189 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On this question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2189, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2198. Senator Peterson. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2198.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2198 amends the current Illinois Human Resource Investment Council Act to update the statutes and make necessary changes required by federal law. This is in accordance with the new federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998. It also changes the name of the current Job Training Partnership Act to Workforce Investment Act of 1998. It's supported by the Illinois Human Resource Investment Council and the Illinois Department of Employment Security. Know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2198 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On this question, there are 55 voting -- voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2198, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2201. Senator Parker? Senate Bill 2202. Senator Rauschenberger. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2202.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 2202 exempts from the Health Facilities

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Planning Board review and fees the Department of Human Services - specifically the Office of Mental Health, the Office of Developmental Disabilities and the Office of Rehab Services - from applying to the Health Facilities Planning Board when they contemplate changing or modifying a State-operated facility. I'd appreciate favorable support and be happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2202 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On this question, there are 54 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2202, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2205. Senator Noland. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2205.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Thank you. Senate Bill 2205 is the result of an audit finding of the -- the Department of Natural Resources. It repeals Article V of this Act, which created a fund that was never used and was unnecessary. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Is there any discussion? If not, question is, shall Senate Bill 2205 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On this question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none

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voting Present. And Senate Bill 2205, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2206. Senator Burzynski. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2206.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senate -- Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This basically will allow the Department of Professional Regulation to eliminate the convenience fee - a three-dollar charge - being paid by customers who renew their licensure via credit card. Actually, we're going to save our constituents some money on this one.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill -- 2206 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On this question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2206, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2209. Senator Peterson. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2209.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

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Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2209 and the next two bills are initiatives of the Illinois Department of Revenue. This bill amends the Uniform Penalty and Interest Act to change the imposition of new tiered penalties to coincide with the calculation and imposition of interest.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2209 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On this question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2209, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2211. Senator Peterson. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2211.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2211 amends the Tobacco Products Act of 1995 to add seizure authority and enforcement provisions that match those for cigarettes. Current law does not allow seizure provisions under Tobacco Products Act of 1995. So, when the Department of Revenue investigators take action on a business that has illegal cigarettes, they sometimes also find other tobacco products also in violation of Illinois law, and these investigators need to be able to seize those products, as well as the cigarettes. Ask for your support.

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Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2211 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On this question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2211, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. At the top of page 9 is Senate Bill 2212. Senator Peterson. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2212.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. This also is a Department of Revenue clean-up bill. It amends the Illinois Income Tax Act to correct five incorrect references to either other Sections of the Illinois statutes or Internal Revenue Code. It eliminates two unnecessary administrative processes that have no substantive effect and makes three changes to streamline and -- audit procedures. Ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2212 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On this question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2212, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2214. Senator Donahue. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

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ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2214.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Donahue.

SENATOR DONAHUE:

Thank you very much, Madam President. Senate Bill 2214 is the annual IDOT conveyance bill, and it is -- includes some language that was in -- inaccurately described in -- last year's for Senator Demuzio, which is included in this piece of legislation. And I would simply ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2214 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On this question, there are 55 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2214, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2223. Senator Burzynski. Senate Bill 2224. Senator Syverson. And with leave of the Body, the -- the sponsors have -- all the sponsors have requested we hold 2253, (22)63, (22)64, (22)65, (22)66, (22)67 and 2302, which brings us to -- Senate Bill 2323. Senator Rauschenberger. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2323.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

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Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 2323 is the annual transfer bill which transfers funds from the various special funds in State government to the Auditor General's account so that he can conduct audits. In case an audit were to cost less than is estimated or an audit not to take place, at the end of the year the funds are automatically redeposited in the fund from which they've been transferred. This is the annual bill. Be happy to answer questions. Appreciate an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2323 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Madam Secretary. On this question, there are 53 voting Aye, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2323, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Noland, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR NOLAND:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

State your point.

SENATOR NOLAND:

We are blessed with outstanding staff here in the Senate. And we have a special young lady on this side of the aisle who's been outstanding for all of us, and I want to recognize Amy Bunselmeyer. Amy is leaving, unfortunately, to return back to the Cooperative Extension Service for the University of Illinois, and she'll be working in Macon County. So, please, help me thank Amy Bunselmeyer for her hard work.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

Amy, we are going to miss you, especially those of us on the

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Executive Committee. You have been a tremendous staffer. Thank you very much. House Bills 1st Reading.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3629, offered by Senator Noland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3729, offered by Senator Dudycz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 3776, offered by Senator Dudycz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bills -- make that 1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KARPIEL)

...there any further business to come before the Senate? If not, Senator Noland moves the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 10 a.m., Thursday, March 7th, 2002. 10 a.m.